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FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

DATE: 7-1-65

1 - Mr. Belmont
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1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Phillips

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

At 4:40 p.m., 7-1-65, Special Agent in Charge Ponder of our Atlanta Office called and stated that Ralph Abernathy, Treasurer of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, held a press conference today. Either during the conference or during a side interview, Abernathy said, "There are no communists in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. We screen them. If in doubt we go to the FBI." When asked how it was possible for him to get information from the FBI he said, "We have a committee in Washington and the committee works closely with the FBI."

Ponder stated that this information was obtained through a contact with the NBC radio station in Atlanta and that the radio station has a tape recording of the interview. He said this will be coming out as a UPI release this afternoon and he wanted the Bureau to have the information right away. He said he would get his hands on a copy of the tape recording of the statements by Abernathy and would furnish the Bureau complete details in a teletype.

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Ponder raised the question of whether he should make a statement, and I transferred him to the Crime Records Division in order that he could discuss this matter with that Division.

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I. ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

A. Founding and Stated Purpose of SCLC

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On May 3, 1965, [redacted] Georgia, made available a brochure published by Southern Christian Leadership Conference, SCLC, 334 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta 3, Georgia, which sets forth the organizational background of the organization as follows:

On January 10, 1957, more than 100 Southern leaders met in Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss mutual problems of the Southern (racial) struggle. At this time it was voted to form a permanent organization which would serve as a coordinating agency for centers of local protest that would utilize the technique and philosophy of nonviolence. Following the Montgomery, Alabama, bus boycott the SCLC came into being at a meeting held in New Orleans, Louisiana, at which time MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was elected President.

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The SCLC is structured through affiliate organizations throughout the South which make up the body of the conference. Making and execution of basic policy is the responsibility of the Executive Board, which is geographically representative of the entire South. Of the 33 board members, 24 are elected by the conference and nine by the Executive Board. Each affiliate may have from one to five voting delegates at any deliberative session of the conference. An annual meeting normally is held in the early fall and the Executive Board meets in the early spring. Intervening policy decisions are handled by an Administrative Committee between meetings of the conference and the board.

There is no membership in the SCLC organization per se. Affiliate groups and organizations constitute the

actual membership in SCLC and in turn, individuals belong to the affiliates (churches, civic organizations, fraternal groups, etc.). The minimum affiliate fee is $25 per year, which entitles the group to one voting delegate in all deliberative sessions. If an affiliate pays $125 fee it is entitled to five voting delegates. Affiliation requires an application in writing to the national office which indicates the general structure and purposes of the group seeking affiliation. Affiliate membership is confirmed by either the Executive Board or Administrative Committee. An affiliate, upon confirmation, receives certificates and suitable credentials indicating the availability of SCLC servides. In addition, the SCLC Newsletter and other printed relevant material of the social struggle are forwarded to the membership of the affiliate group periodically.

The SCLC from its inception, has been nonsectarian. The word Christian in SCLC's name is described as natural and unique to the social structure of the Negro community in the South, as the church is his only forum, owned, operated and controlled by him, affording broadest opportunity for social intercourse. The high incidence of ministers comprising the leadership of SCLC is a natural result of clergy generally being the leaders of protest centers in the South. SCLC welcomes the support of any person or group of persons having as their ultimate goal democracy in America through peaceful and non-violent means. The SCLC lists as its basic aim the achieving of full citizenship rights, equality and the integration of the Negro in all aspects of American life. SCLC considers itself as a service agency to facilitate coordinated action of local community groups. SCLC activity revolves around two main focal points. They are the use of non-violent philosophy as a means of creative protest and securing the right of the ballot.

The basic philosophy of SCLC shall be based upon the tenets of Hebraic-Christian tradition coupled with the Ghandian concept of satyagraha - truth force - which is at the heart of the SCLC philosophy. Christian non-violence actively resists evil in any form and never seeks to humiliate the

opponent, only to win him. Suffering is accepted without retaliation. Internal violence of the spirit is as much to be rejected as external physical violence. Creatively used, the philosophy of nonviolence can restore the broken community in America. SCLC is convinced that nonviolence is the most potent force available to the oppressed people in their struggle for freedom.

The dilemma in race relations can most quickly be resolved through mass action of people committed to to a nonviolent philosophy who will identify themselves in a just and moral struggle. The nonviolent mass action dramatizes the evil system in order that the conscience of the community may grapple with the issue at hand.

SCLC considers one of its most vital programs in the struggle in the South as leadership training. This leadership training is directed as the organization of communities at the "grass roots" level as it is believed the great success of the struggle for full citizenship will be determined by this second-line leadership. Training is provided in Citizenship Schools and the Correspondence Institute which include courses of student on such subjects as Registration and Voting; Social Protest; Understanding Politics; Use of the Boycott; How to Picket; The Nature of Prejudice, etc. SCLC considers the right of the ballot as basic to the exercise of full citizenship rights. For this reason its specialized staff works in aiding local communities through every means available to secure the right to vote. It also arouses interest through voter registration workshops re-emphasizing the importance of the ballot.

SCLC sees civil disobedience as a natural consequence of nonviolence when the resister is confronted by unjust and immoral laws. This does not imply that SCLC advocates either anarchy or lawlessness. The Conference firmly believes that all people have a moral responsibility to obey laws that are just. It recognizes, however, that there also are unjust

laws. From a purely moral point of view, an unjust law is one that is out of harmony with the moral law of the universe or, as the religionist would say, out of harmony with the Law of God. More concretely, an unjust law is one in which the minority is compelled to observe a code which is not binding on the majority. An unjust law is one in which people are required to obey a code that they had no part in making because they were denied the right to vote. In the face of such obvious inequality, where difference is made legal, the nonviolent resister has no alternative but to disobey the unjust law. In disobeying such a law, he does so peacefully, openly and nonviolently. Most important, he willingly accepts the penalty for breaking the law. This distinguishes SCLC's position on civil disobedience from the "uncivil disobedience" of the racist opposition in the South. In the face of laws they consider unjust, they seek to defy, evade, and circumvent the law, BUT they are unwilling to accept the penalty for breaking the law. The end result of their defiance is anarchy and disrespect for the law. SCLC, on the other hand, believes that civil disobedience involves the highest respect for the law. He who openly disobeys a law that conscience tells him is unjust and willingly accepts the penalty is giving evidence that he so respects the law that he belongs in jail until it is changed.

Funds for SCLC are obtained from mass rallies, individual and organizational pledges, direct mailing appeals and affiliate fees. Some portion of funds is realized through the personal appearance of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and other staff members. Fund raising projects in the form of benefits featuring outstanding artists of show business have added substantially to the financial support.

The SCLC views Southern college student sit-in movements as the most important development in the Southern struggle. It has done everything within its power and resources to aid and abet the students in developing their nonviolent protests. The Student Non-Violent

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Coordinating Committee (SNCC) was born as a result of a conference called by SCLC at Raleigh, North Carolina, in the Spring of 1960. SCLC continues to serve in an advisory capacity, through its staff and president, to SNCC.

SCLC is firmly opposed to segregation in any form and pledges to rid every vestige of segregation from our nation through nonviolent means.

The basic program of SCLC encompasses nonviolent resistance to all forms of racial injustice including state and local laws and practices even though these actions may bring about arrests. SCLC resists the system of segregation which is the cause of lagging standards and it works constructively to improve the standards themselves.

The ultimate aim and goal of SCLC is to create a "beloved community" in America, which brotherhood is a reality. It rejects the doctrine of black supremacy as this substitutes one kind of tyranny for another. Genuine intergroup and interpersonal living or integration is the objective. This is to be accomplished only through nonviolence. The international focus on America and her internal problems against the dread prospect of war demand our seeking this end.

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B. Officers

The official program for the Eighth Annual Convention of SCLC held at Savannah, Georgia, October 18, 1964, identifies officers as follows, unless otherwise identified:

President - Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., 234 Sunset Avenue, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia, is publicly identified as late as June 18, 1965 when holding a press conference, as President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Assistant to the President - Reverend ANDREW J. YOUNG, 178 Chicamauga Place, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, continues to serve as Assistant to the President, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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[redacted] advised that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL attended a Labor Youth League convention on August 13, 1950, at the Algonquin Club, 1400 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina.

The Labor Youth League has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Accountant - FRANCIS A. COVINGTON.

General Counsel - I. M. AUGUSTINE.

Special Affairs - BERNARD LEE and CAROL HOOVER.

A news item in "The Atlanta Daily World" (an Atlanta, Georgia, daily Negro newspaper) dated May 21, 1965, titled "Albany 'Justice' Assailed," datelined Hapeville, Georgia, sets forth information regarding a semi-annual board meeting of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) held in Hapeville during the previous weekend. The article reports that Miss CAROL HOOVER, Atlanta, Georgia, an administrative assistant at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was one of four new members added to the board of SCEF at this meeting.

A Characterization of the SCEF is included in the Appendix of this report.

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The Department Heads of various projects undertaken by SCLC were identified in the official program distributed at the Eighth Annual Convention of SCLC in October, 1964, as follows:

Voter Registration
HOSEA WILLIAMS, Director

Citizenship School
DOROTHY COTTON, Director

Operation Breadbasket
Reverend FRED C. BENNETT, Director

Operation Dialogue
Mr. HARRY G. BOYTE, Director

Teacher Training
SEPTIMA P. CLARK, identified as the Supervisor.

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Reverend C. T. VIVIAN.

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Direct Action
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New York SCLC Office
Reverend WYATT T. WALKER, Director. NY

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Fort Worth, Texas

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Alabama

B. J. JOHNSON
Florida

The Field Assistants were identified as follows:

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Georgia

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JAMES ORANGE Alabama	CAROLYN ROBERTS Georgia
JAMES BROWN Mississippi	ANDREW MARRISETT Alabama
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HERBERT COULTON Virginia	BENJAMIN MACK South Carolina
SAMUEL WELLS Georgia	JOHN H. CALHOUN Georgia

In addition to the officers above, the following officers were identified as officers of the conference as designated from the Atlanta Regional Headquarters of SCLC:

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Atlanta, Georgia

First Vice President
C. K. STEELE
Tallahassee, Florida

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Cincinnati, Ohio

Assistant Secretary
Mrs. ERNA DUNGEE
Montgomery, Alabama

Treasurer
RALPH D. ABERNATHY
Atlanta, Georgia

Chaplain
KELLY MILLER SMITH
Nashville, Tennessee

Historian
Dr. L. D. REDDICK
Baltimore, Maryland

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

LAWRENCE DUNBAR REDDICK is Professor of Social Sciences at Coppin State College, Baltimore, Maryland. He currently resides at 3704 Winterbourne Road, Baltimore, Maryland.

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[redacted] advised she had learned that Dr. REDDICK, who was then Director of the Schomburg Library, 103 W. 135th Street, New York City, was one of the most important unpublicized members of the Communist Party (CP). She stated that REDDICK seemed to be a source of information in regard to socialism and communism in the United States and the Soviet Union.

[redacted] said that he met LAWRENCE DUNBAR REDDICK in 1943, through EUGENE GORDON, a staff member of the "Daily Worker" and that both GORDON and BENJAMIN J. DAVIS advised him that LAWRENCE DUNBAR REDDICK at that time was a member of the CP. [redacted] also said that REDDICK at that time was an instructor at the George Washington Carver School.

The "Daily Worker" was an east coast Communist newspaper, which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

The George Washington Carver School has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On February 5 and 11, 1954, LAWRENCE DUNBAR REDDICK was interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Atlanta, Georgia. He, at that time, stated that he was not, and had never been, a member of, or a sympathizer with, the Communist Party.

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[redacted] that as of that date, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS was National Secretary of the CP, USA.

"The New York Times", Monday, August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on Saturday night, August 22, 1964.

The Executive Board of the conference meeting in Savannah was identified as follows:

HENRY C. BUNTON Washington, D. C.	MATTHEW D. McCOLLUM Orangeburg, South Carolina
R. L. DREW Clarksdale, Mississippi	CURTIS HARRIS Hopewell, Virginia
EDWARD T. GRAHAM Miami, Florida	S. S. SEAY, SR. Montgomery, Alabama
W. H. HALL Valdosta, Georgia	ANDREW WHITE Nashville, Tennessee
AARON C. HENRY Clarksdale, Mississippi	NELSON H. SMITH Birmingham, Alabama
CLARENCE HENRY New Orleans, Louisiana	ROLAND SMITH Little Rock, Arkansas
B. L. HOOKS Memphis, Tennessee	DANIEL B. SPEED Tallahassee, Florida
ESAU JENKINS Charleston, South Carolina	HOSEA WILLIAMS Savannah, Georgia
MAJOR JONES Chattanooga, Tennessee	VIRGIL WOOD Lynchburg, Virginia

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

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D. E. KING
Louisville, Kentucky

M. L. KING, SR.
Atlanta, Georgia

JOHN LEWIS
Atlanta, Georgia, NY

R. G. WILLIAMS
Washington, D. C.

I. S. LEEVY
Columbia, South Carolina

"The Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, in its issue of May 2, 1965, page three, contained an article "2000 Hail Paul Robeson at Freedomways Tribute." The article states that "an overflow audience of 2000 friends and admirers" of PAUL ROBESON greeted him at the Hotel Americana the previous week (April 22, 1965) on the occasion of the salute by "Freedomways" to ROBESON on his 66th birthday.

The article reflects JOHN LEWIS, Chairman of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) spoke at this affair. The article states that LEWIS spoke of ROBESON's past accomplishments.

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C. Location of Headquarters Office

By physical observation during 1965, it was noted that the Headquarters Office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference continues to be located at 334 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

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D. Location of Known Regional Offices

1. Montgomery, Alabama

On May 6, 1965, [redacted] advised that the Regional Office of SCLC in Montgomery, Alabama, had moved to an upper story of the building located at 141 Montgomery Street at Montgomery, Alabama.

2. Los Angeles

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3. New York City

The Manhattan Address Telephone Directory published by the New York Telephone Company on March 1, 1965, listed the New York Office of SCLC at 312 West 125th Street, New York City.

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II. FUNDS

Confidential informants and sources, Atlanta, could furnish no detailed budgetary figures or list of expenditures and receipts on the part of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC); however, the following fragmentary bits of information are being set forth, all of which relate to financial transactions and receipt of funds on the part of SCLC.

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CARL HAESSLER Mich.

C [redacted] identified CARL HAESSLER as Chairman of Global Books, also known as Global Books Forum. b1

A characterization of Global Books is contained in the Appendix attached hereto.

C [redacted] identified CARL HAESSLER as one of the sponsors of the American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS). A characterization of AIMS is contained in the Appendix attached hereto. b1

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It is noted that public news sources reported the death of one Reverend REEB and JIMMY JACKSON during racial tension at Selma, Alabama, March, 1965.

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III. PROJECTS ENDORSED OR SPONSORED BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE OR JOINTLY WITH OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS

A. Summer Community Organization for Political Education (SCOPE)

[redacted] he was in receipt of a letter addressed to him on letterhead stationery of Southern Christian Leadership Conference. This letter requested [redacted] assistance for a massive voter registration drive and a political education program. This program was to take place during the summer of 1965 and was to be centered in 75 rural counties and six urban counties in Georgia, South Carolina, Florida and Virginia.

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[redacted] that STANLEY LEVISON met with CLARENCE JONES at which time discussion ensued regarding the program adopted by SCLC at the Baltimore, Maryland, meeting. According to LEVISON, he was of the opinion that some selectivity as to priority of issues for action should be exercised and resolved relating to the period April to September. According to LEVISON, he had informed Dr. KING they could not drift into the summer without a definite program. LEVISON felt the program adopted at Baltimore was an enlargement only

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of a program put together by HOSEA WILLIAMS at the end of 1964 and the only change was that instead of recruiting 500 students, efforts were being made to recruit 5000 students. Source advised that LEVISON considered this program good but that he has certain reservations about spreading its work out into some 70 counties. He considered it unwise and unsafe to spread out the workers so thinly in such a wide and vast area but felt that by concentration in specific areas more could be accomplished. [redacted] JONES stated he had informed KING that the main emphasis for this program has to be to achieve legislative recognition and protection of the right to vote and any boycott action should be secondary.

The June 16, 1965, issue of "The Atlanta Journal", a daily Atlanta newspaper, reported a press conference held by Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., wherein he outlined

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SCLC plans to send students and professional civil rights workers into six southern states for the purpose of boosting Negro voting and political activity. According to the article, Dr. KING held the press conference jointly with BAYARD RUSTIN, New York Negro leader, who is described as SCOPE Orientation Director, under the overall leadership of HOSEA WILLIAMS. The states identified for a ten week period of activity this summer were Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Alabama and Florida. It was expressed that student workers have been recruited by SCOPE chapters established on college campuses at northern universities and at some southern colleges. It was pointed out that as a general rule the 764 applicants approved for this work were recruited by a screening board composed of the college dean, the chaplain and the student body president from the college where the student was recruited. In addition, some recruits were obtained from churches and labor organizations. To date 42 SCOPE chapters will be assigned to 42 specific counties located in the six southern states. The article advised that the SCOPE period of activity will be divided into three phases which include voter registration, political education and community organization. According to Dr. KING, the only criteria specified by SCLC in recruiting SCOPE workers was that no one be accepted who advocates violent overthrow of the American government.

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C. Project Vision

Sources of the Atlanta Office have been unable to determine the complete picture as it relates to Project Vision but were of the opinion it was an educational endeavor primarily centered in Alabama to upgrade the educational level of Negro students.

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On January 27, 1965, [redacted] Selma, Alabama, advised that he interviewed one CHARLES ALLEN LINGO, JR., on January 18, 1965, at Selma. According to [redacted] LINGO stated he has worked with SCLC under the direction of HARRY BOYTE and that his job was to go into an area where action was anticipated as an under-cover man. He was to associate with the radical element such as members of the National States Rights Party, Klansmen and others and to inform these individuals that the SCLC was planning a civil rights action in that area.

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On March 28, 1965, on a television program "Meet the Press" Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., announced that the SCLC would call for a boycott of all Alabama products, would ask for the withdrawal of Federal money from Alabama

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banks, would appeal to union leaders to support the economic boycott and would ask Federal agencies to withdraw support for a society that refused to protect life and the right to vote.

On April 1, 1965, "The Sun", a Baltimore, Maryland, daily newspaper reported that Dr. KING stated a decision on his plan for an economic boycott of Alabama would follow the two day executive board conference of the SCLC then being held in Baltimore.

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The April 3, 1965, issue of "The Sun", Baltimore, Maryland, daily newspaper, reported that Reverend KING at a press conference announced that the economic boycott of Alabama was one of three stages. The first stage was to contact those major industries planning expansion or plants in Alabama, urging them to suspend their plans until the Civil Rights Acts are complied with by state authorities. The second stage of the boycott calls for action from community leaders as well as the Federal government. This stage would call for the Federal government to withdraw from deposit Federal funds, as well as other individuals to withdraw investments in Alabama firms and institutions. The third stage would call upon the nation to boycott certain specified consumer products. Evidence of a change in racial attitude in order to eliminate this boycott would include ending of the poll tax, voters registration at times convenient to working people, appointment of Negroes to policy making position in state agencies, ending police brutality and enunciation by officials and civic leaders of violence on the part of racists.

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On April 12, 1965, [redacted] advised that on April 11, 1965, ROBERT KEYTON of the SCLC and GOLDEN FRINKS had led picketing demonstrations at four churches in Montgomery, Alabama.

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On April 13, 1965, [redacted] stated that b7D
GOLDEN FRINKS of SCLC led picketing demonstrations at five Protestant churches in Montgomery.

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The February 26, 1965, issue of the "Los Angeles Times", a Los Angeles, California, newspaper, reported that DR. KING when in California renewed a plea for a boycott of Mississippi. In this regard, KING asked for a total boycott of Mississippi products as a lever in seeking to extend nationwide his campaign for equal rights for Negroes in the deep South.

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E. Operation Dialogue

The February 13, 1965, issue of the "Atlanta Inquirer", a weekly Atlanta newspaper, reported that Dr. KING, at a high level conference held on February 6, 1965, in New York City established a new department in SCLC known as Operation Dialogue. This operation will be under the direction of HARRY G. BOYTE and the objective is to break down personal racial prejudices through group discussion and conversation. One of the individuals described as participating in this conference at which Operation Dialogue was established was BAYARD RUSTIN.

The May 20, 1965, issue of the "Pittsburgh Post Gazette", daily newspaper at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, reported that Operation Dialogue is now originating and operating a program in 40 cities, including Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The program will include the persuasion of impoverished white people to join the Negro struggle for Negro and human rights. According to the article, objectives are to be accomplished with two or three workers who move into an area and stay for six to eight weeks and in an unobtrusive manner locate underprivileged white people who present potential leadership. These individuals then would be recruited and trained in a school sponsored by SCLC and following this training, would be expected to be leaders in a joint white - Negro effort to obtain a better life for both. He described Operation Dialogue as a group seeking reconciliation of all Americans, Negro and white, to instill in them feeling that they have an obligation to their fellow man and not to ignore those who are hungry and cold.

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F. Labor Matters

On December 24, 1964, [redacted] advised that Dr. KING had recently advised him of plans to expand his organization into a single movement with branch offices in a number of cities throughout the United States. According to KING, he plans to become involved in the labor movement by lending his support to different unnamed labor unions where companies are discriminating against Negroes in wages and job opportunities. According to KING this support will be in the form of national boycotts directed against products of the company involved and may also include picket line participation and other demonstrations.

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IV. CONTACTS WITH COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) ORGANIZATIONS AND PERSONS HAVING PAST OR PRESENT CP SYMPATHIES AND THEIR INFLUENCE EXERCISED OVER SCLC ACTIVITIES.

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[redacted] announced the receipt of a letter dated March, 1965, which is signed by Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and described civil rights problems in Selma, Alabama, the actions of the Sheriff of Dallas County and other examples of treatment afforded Negroes. This letter described conditions as unbearable. The letter appealed to all decent Americans and specifically appealing for funds as the expenses have been tremendous in this Alabama project.

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Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., is characterized in the Appendix of this report.

On April 19, 1965, [redacted] advised that he had b7D
received information that CARL and ANNE BRADEN of Louisville, Kentucky, and Field Directors of SCEF, were in Atlanta over the past weekend and in contact with VIVIAN of SCLC. According to [redacted] VIVIAN apparently visited with b7D
the BRADENS on the campus of the Interdenominational Theological Center where SCEF was holding a board meeting.

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On April 6, 1965, representatives of the FBI visited headquarters of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference located at 334 Auburn Avenue in connection with another investigation, at which time it was noted on a display bulletin board near the entrance of the headquarters, three items were prominently displayed. The first item was three book covers of books recently written by Dr. KING. The second item was a magazine depicting the March on Washington in 1963. The third item was "Freedomways" magazine, the W.E.B. DuBOIS memorial issue bearing photograph of DuBOIS on the front cover. "Freedomways" is characterized in the Appendix of this report.

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[redacted] appproximately 2,300 participants under the auspices of the Clergy for Quality and Equality in our Public Schools and the Coordinating Council of Community Organizations conducted a march on the Chicago City Hall as a mass witness against the Superintendent of Chicago Schools BENJAMIN J. WILLIS. Source described HOSEA WILLIAMS, an aide of Dr. KING, as a guest and main speaker during this demonstration. According to the source, 37 prominent Communist Party members were participants during this demonstration.

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B. Viet Nam

In the April 10, 1965, issue of the "Philadelphia Evening Bulletin", a daily newspaper, Reverend RALPH ABERNATHY of SCLC addressed a group of individuals meeting in Philadelphia on April 9, 1965. During this address Reverend ABERNATHY pleaded for a negotiation in Viet Nam and urged the admission of Red China to the United Nations.

In an issue May 5, 1965, of the "Atlanta Times", an Atlanta daily newspaper, it was reported that Dr. KING of SCLC when in Boston saw fit to diverge from his domestic rights opinions to include his comments on the Southeast Asian sphere. It was reported Dr. KING took a strong stand against the U. S. action in Viet Nam and commented "it is very nice to drink milk at an unsegregated lunch counter, but not when there is Strontium 90 in it." Dr. KING justified his opinions relating to American foreign policy in the Far East by pointing out that peace and human rights are inseparable, hence those who support civil rights in the United States support pacifist moves in the Far East.

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In the June 15, 1965, issue of "The Worker" it was reported on page one that Mrs. CORETTA KING attended a conference sponsored by SANE in Madison Square Garden, New York City.

It is to be noted "The Worker" is the official East Coast publication of the Communist Party.

Official directories of New York City identified SANE Nuclear Policy as having offices at 14 East 45th Street, New York City.

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AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR MARXIST STUDIES

A source advised on April 9, 1963, that on April 7, 1963, at a meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA) of New England, held in Boston, Massachusetts, HERBERT APTHEKER stated he was developing an organization called American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS), which would eventually legalize the CP. He stated AIMS would publish literature on History, Science, Physics, Archaeology, and other subjects which would be put out quarterly with various supplements.

A second source advised in December, 1959, that HERBERT APTHEKER was elected to the National Committee, CP, USA, at the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA, held in December, 1959.

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A fourth source advised on May 15, 1964, that as of that date, AIMS was located on the fifth floor west at 20 East 30th Street, New York City, New York.

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED

The records of the New York Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the certificate of incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, was filed on March 2, 1961.

The Spring, 1964, issue of "Freedomways" is self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City.

On May 24, 1961, a source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the original plan called for the publication to be openly Marxist, but that it was later decided it would not be avowedly a Marxist publication. Editorials are in the hands of a mixed group of Marxists and non-Marxists. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation. (C)

On May 25, 1961, another source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CPUSA by James Jackson, a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA. (C)

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GLOBAL BOOKS, also known as
Global Books and Publications,
Global Books Forum, Global Forum

Global Books, a book store, was registered with the Assumed Name Section, City-County Building, Detroit, Michigan, Certificate Number 104092, September 3, 1958, by HELEN WINTER.

A source advised on March 20, 1963, that HELEN WINTER is Educational Director of The Communist Party, USA (CP), Michigan District (MD).

A second source advised on [redacted] that CARL WINTER had stated on that date that the CP had created Global Books.

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A third source advised on March 18, 1963, that CARL WINTER is Chairman of the CP, MD.

A fourth source advised during July, 1959, that Global Books contemplated sponsoring a lecture or forum series.

Global Books Forum was registered with the Assumed Name Section, City-County Building, Detroit, Certificate Number 134523, January 11, 1961, by CARL HAESSLER. Attached to this certificate was a letter from HELEN WINTER stating that she as owner of Global Books consented to the registration of Global Books Forum as an assumed name. She further stated that she is the Secretary and CARL HAESSLER is the Chairman-Treasurer of Global Books Forum.

[redacted] who advised that he was a member of the CP from [redacted] stated on February 19, 1945, that CARL HAESSLER was an old-time Communist. According to [redacted] HAESSLER was one of the more respected members of the CP, though not an open member.

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A fifth source advised on May 25, 1964, that Global Books continues in operation at 201 Hayward Building, 4829 Woodward, Detroit, Michigan.

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THE NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following information concerning "The National Lawyers Guild:"

1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149).

2. Cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents." (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)

3. "To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the***National Lawyers' Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, P. 91).

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NEW YORK COUNCIL TO ABOLISH THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

On March 9, 1961, a source advised that the New York Council to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAUAC), 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York, was formed at a meeting held in New York City on November 17, 1960. This organizatin was founded principally through the efforts of FRANK WILKINSON, Field Representative of the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC). b7D

[redacted] advised on September 17, 1952, that FRANK WILKINSON was a member of the Los Angeles County CP as of September, 1952.

A second source furnished on September 14, 1961, a copy of resolutions of the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NCAHUAC) which were adopted by the NYCAHUAC. One such resolution of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) and to continue its efforts to broaden the participation in this fight. Another resolution accepted as a modus vivendi the suggestion of the Field Representative of the "National Committee to Abolish the HCUA" (NCAHUAC) namely that local abolition committees may identify and coordinate their efforts as closely as they desire with NCAHUAC, still maintaining their autonomy for as flexible and independent a program as possible.

A third, fourth, and fifth source have advised during March, 1962, that CP members in the New York City area have been solicited to support activities of NYCAHUAC during attendance at CP club meetings.

On May 7, 1964, a sixth source advised that the NYCAHUAC continues to function from its office at 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York.

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SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

"The Southern Patriot", a monthly publication, shows that it is published by the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUNC, INC. (SCEF).

"The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "organ" of the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE (SCHW) by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, on the SCHW, June 12, 1947.

The SCHW was cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 16, 1947.

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW changed the name of that organization to the SCEF, and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions, and ideals. The amendment was dated April 26, 1946.

A source advised on March 2, 1961, that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, a Communist Party functionary, stated at a meeting of the Communist Party in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 25, 1961, that the Communist Party is not connected with any progressive movement but indirectly they do have some influence in the SCEF.

A second source, who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New Orleans area, advised on June 2, 1964, that during the time the SCHW was in existence, Communist Party (CP) members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated the SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a CP front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial question.

On June 2, 1964, the second source advised that in the past he has considered JAMES DOMBROWSKI, the Executive Director of the SCEF, to be a communist, if not an actual Communist Party member, because he followed Communist principles.

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The second source also advised on May 27, 1963, that many people who are officials and members of the SCEF, while liberal in their views, are by no means communists.

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Atlanta, Georgia
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FD 323

Title	COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
Character	INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Reference	Report of SA [redacted] dated July 8, 1965, captioned as above, at Atlanta, Georgia.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information inthe past.

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL. (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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Date: 7/2/65

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718)

RE: COMINFIL OF SCLC
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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
Re Atlanta telephone calls to Bureau 7/1/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and seven copies of Letterhead Memorandum.

The copy of the tape recording referred to in the enclosed Letterhead Memorandum was furnished by [redacted] to SA [redacted] and is being retained in captioned Atlanta file. [redacted] advised his original tape had been erased on 7/1/65 shortly after the news conference referred to in the enclosed Letterhead Memorandum. The enclosed Letterhead Memorandum sets forth pertinent portions of this tape. (b)(6)(c)

Enclosed Letterhead Memorandum has not been classified as there is no necessity therefor.

When information was received on 7/1/65 regarding ABERNATHY's statements relating to SCLC's check of FBI files and checks with FBI men, this matter was called to the attention of Section Chief FRED J. BAUMGARDNER at the Bureau by telephone. Thereafter, the exact language of ABERNATHY's statement was furnished to Mr. BAUMGARDNER by telephone and the matter was also discussed with Inspector ROBERT E. WICK,

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(1-157-257) (Ralph Abernathy)
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Crime Records Division. Inspector WICK instructed that any inquiries received from news media should be answered with the statement "ABERNATHY's statements relating to the FBI are absolutely untrue. FBI files are confidential."

Inquiries were subsequently received by SAC Atlanta from [redacted] who had made the tape available and from representatives of Associated Press, United Press International, "The Atlanta Journal" newspaper, WSB TV, WAII TV and radio station WGST. The exact statement quoted above was furnished to each news medium and was recorded by the radio and television stations. These recordings received prominent attention on Atlanta radio and television stations throughout the evening of 7/1/65 and on 7/2/65 and on the NBC Network news at 7:00 P.M. on 7/1/65.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On July 1, 1965 [redacted] Atlanta, Georgia, advised that Reverend RALPH D. ABERNATHY, Treasurer of Southern Christian Leadership Conference, announced that he and HOSEA WILLIAMS, Director of Voter Registration, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, would hold a news conference on July 1, 1965, at Southern Christian Leadership Conference Headquarters, 334 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, regarding current civil rights matters.

[redacted] advised he attended this news conference together with other representatives of the local news media and made a tape recording of the conference. [redacted] furnished a copy of his tape recording.

A transcription of the copy of this tape recording revealed that early in the conference [redacted] Atlanta, asked ABERNATHY whether there were any Communists in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. (b)(1)(C)

ABERNATHY replied "there are no Communists in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. We have in our bylaws and in the constitution that no Communists can be affiliated with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference."

[redacted] then inquired of ABERNATHY "what methods do you use to screen people to see whether or not they are Communists?"

ABERNATHY replied "well, we have interviews with them and we check their past records and we even go to some extent to check the FBI files."

100-438794-396

ENCLOSURE

Toward the end of the conference [redacted] addressed ABERNATHY as follows:

"Going back Reverend ABERNATHY to the statement you made that in your screening process for SCLC you sometimes call upon the FBI; how closely do you work with them in your screening?"

ABERNATHY replied "well, if we have a person coming to our staff that we are not sure of his background and his associates their files are open. When I say the files I don't mean the FBI files are open to us but the files of that committee up there that we are trying to deal with are open and they are open to the public you know and we can find out and we will check with FBI men and they will tell us if they have a Communist background and we don't want anything that is pink much less anything that is red."

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
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(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

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V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
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FBI

Date: 7/8/65

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Via AIRTEL 5-1-80 AIR MAIL - REGISTERED (Priority)

CONFIDENTIAL

DATE 7-8-65

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-65141)(RUC)

RE: COMINFIL OF SCLC
IS - C

RE: MARK BOYAR

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 6/1/65, and Bureau 0-1, 7/6/65. B. APPROX

MARK BOYAR is a prominent real estate developer in the Los Angeles, California, area, according to numerous newspaper accounts concerning him and his activities. His current business address is listed in the Los Angeles telephone directory as Boyar Foundation, 8447 Wilshire Boulevard, phone 651-0370, and Boyar Foundation, 8405 Beverly Boulevard, phone 651-3410.

It is noted that Los Angeles Indices contain no subversive references regarding BOYAR. Most of the references concerning BOYAR reflect his participation in the functions (dinners, drives, etc.) of one of the two major political parties.

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3 - Bureau
3 - Atlanta (157-825)
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(1 - 157-710)
1 - Los Angeles
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M

Special Agent in Charge

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Records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association of Los Angeles, as caused to be searched by IC [redacted] JR., on 6/8/65, reflected the following:

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MARK BOYAR (wife RUTH), approximately 54 years of age in November, 1957, claimed the following residences:

3659 Kiberidge
Sherman Oaks, California

3668 Stone Canyon Avenue (?)
(May, 1958)

1474 Don Hill Drive
Beverly Hills, California
(May, 1964)

The following employments are shown for BOYAR:

Carson Park Builders
Box 8115 Lakewood Street
Long Beach, California
President, verified, at a verified
income of $150,000 per year in November, 1953;

Self-employed builder
Box 609
Canoga Park, California
1948, not verified and income
declined from 1948 through May, 1958

Metropolitan Development Corporation
8447 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles
President from 1949 through May, 1964
employment verified and income declined

The credit record reflects no unsatisfactory information

and reflects BOYAR had a medium six figure checking account in March, 1960.

CONFIDENTIAL

Re: THOMAS GEORGE NEUSOM

For the information of Atlanta, in reference to Atlanta airtel to Los Angeles, 5/14/65, the Indices of this office reflect numerous references to THOMAS GEORGE NEUSOM, a Negro attorney, 1111 East Vernon Avenue, Los Angeles. The references contain no pertinent subversive information regarding NEUSOM. The references mainly show NEUSOM's participation in functions of the United Civil Rights Congress, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and other integration groups. The Los Angeles files also reflect that NEUSOM has been in contact with MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., during the times KING has been in Los Angeles, mainly regarding funds.

The 7/6/65 edition of the "Los Angeles Daily Journal" carried an article reflecting that NEUSOM was recently appointed to the Tax Appeals Board No. 1. The paper carried a picture of NEUSOM standing with Los Angeles County Supervisor KENNETH HAHN.

[redacted]

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COMPARTMENTED CONFIDENTIAL

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL. (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., .C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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5010-107

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794) DATE: July 13, 1965

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (100-23228)(RUC)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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OO: NEW YORK

Reference report of SA [redacted] dated July 8, 1965, at Atlanta.

A current characterization of Dr. LAWRENCE DUNBAR REDDICK is set forth in referenced report.

Review of Baltimore files reflects no additional current subversive information concerning REDDICK.

2 - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)
2 - Atlanta (100-5718)(REGISTERED MAIL)
2 - New York (100-149194)(REGISTERED MAIL)
2 - Baltimore (1 - 100-22234; L. D. REDDICK)

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FBI

Date: 7/9/65

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-489)(P)

COMINFIL OF THE SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies, and for Atlanta 4 copies, of a LHM containing info on a permanent Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) headquarters in Miami and activity in connection therewith..

Atlanta letter to Bureau 6/3/64, on subject organization, reflects that in a list of officers of the SCLC in 5/64, a HARRY G. BOYTE was listed as Personnel Director, born Charlotte, N. C., age 52 (in 1963), who joined the SCLC in 8/63, and previously served with the Red Cross for 17 years. APPROX.

Miami will follow this matter through racial and other established sources, and promptly advise the Bureau and pertinent officers of any new developments.

ENCLOSURE

5 - Bureau (Enc-8)(RM)(1 - 100-106670 KING)
4 - Atlanta (Enc-4) (RM)(100-5718)
(1 - 100-5586 KING)
(1 - 100- BOYTE)
5 - Miami (1 - 157-489)
(1 - 100-15079 KING)
(1 - 157-1087 RACIAL VIOLENCE)
(1 - 157-14 SCHOOL FILE)
(1 - 173-78 RICHMOND HEIGHTS)

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AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI; SEC. SER.
DEPT: ISD, CRD, ~~RAO~~
DATE FORW: 7-15-65
HOW FORW:
BY:

ENT. SEC.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Miami, Florida
July 9, 1965

157-489

RE: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On Page 22-A of the July 8, 1965 issue of "The Miami Herald", Miami, Florida newspaper, there is an article reflecting that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) would send ten or twelve "top organizers" to Miami on July 8, 1965, to set up a permanent office of the SCLC.

HARRY BOYTE, a special assistant to MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., said that KING was ready to come to Miami at any time and stage marches down Biscayne Boulevard if necessary to win fair treatment for Negroes.

BOYTE said the staff's first assignment would be to determine whether grievances are justified, and if they are, to organize a grassroots protest movement.

According to the article, BOYTE said he has been surprised at the eagerness of people in Miami "to engage in serious civil disobedience."

One of the complaints which brought the SCLC to Miami came from Richmond Heights residents, who are fighting construction of a new segregated school in their community, BOYTE said; however, there were other problems, revolving around the "deep poverty problems" among Dade County Negroes.

BOYTE said that he had arranged to rent a house for the SCLC in the Greater Miami area, but did not give the address.

The SCLC, according to BOYTE, hopes Miami's problems can be solved through consultation, because Miami can set a pattern for the South.

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(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: July 1, 1965

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Phillips

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated earlier today concerning the captioned matter.

Ralph Abernathy, Treasurer of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Martin Luther King's organization, called a press conference for 7/1/65 in order to read a statement concerning civil rights problems. After he had read the statement, there was a question and answer period. It was during this question period that Abernathy said the SCLC could obtain information from the FBI.

At 6:45 p.m., 7/1/65, SAC Ponder of our Atlanta Office, called and stated that three tape recordings had been made of Abernathy's statements. Radio Station WSB and Radio Station WGST, both of Atlanta, made tape recordings of the questions and answers. In addition, the SCLC made a tape recording of its own. Mr. Ponder stated that he had obtained a copy of the tape recording from [redacted] in Atlanta. SAC Ponder said that this tape had been carefully reviewed and he dictated the following pertinent excerpts. (b)(7)(c)

In response to a question regarding communists in the SCLC, Abernathy replied "There are no communists in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. We have in our bylaws and in the Constitution that no communists can be affiliated with the SCLC."

Question: What methods do you use to screen people to see whether or not they are communists?

Answer: Well, we have interviews with them and we check their past records and we even go to some extent to check the FBI's files.

Question: Going back Reverend Abernathy to the statement you made that in your screening process for SCLC you sometimes call upon the FBI; how closely do you work with them in your screening?

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Answer: Well, if we have a person coming to our staff and we are not sure of his background and his associations, their files are opened. When I say the files, I don't mean the FBI's files are opened to us, but the files of the committee up there that we are trying to deal with are opened. They are open to the public, you know, and we can find out. And we will check with FBI men and they will tell us if they have a communist background. We don't want anything that is pink much less anything that is red.

OBSERVATION:

Abernathy's statement the SCLC gets information from FBI men is an outright lie. I discussed this matter with Mr. Wick of the Crime Records Division in order that he would have the facts and could straighten out the record.

ACTION:

I told Ponder to stay on top of this situation and keep the Bureau advised promptly of pertinent developments.

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
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CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442529) 7/9/65

SAC, NORFOLK (100-5921)(P)

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(OO: New York)

COMINFIL, SCLC
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(OO: Atlanta) SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Re Richmond airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 6/11/65, captioned above.

The letterhead memorandum indicated that a car was rented by one BERNARD S. LEE, 1327 Outten St., Norfolk, Va.

This BERNARD S. LEE is possibly identical to BERNARD SCOTT LEE, who was involved in a sit-down demonstration held at Montgomery, Alabama, in March, 1960. This person was expelled from Alabama State College for his participation. The Bureau was furnished a letterhead memorandum on March 12, 1960 entitled "BERNARD SCOTT LEE."

Richmond is being furnished copies of this letterhead memorandum as well as two newspaper articles concerning BERNARD SCOTT LEE, both of which appeared in the "Virginian-Pilot," Norfolk newspaper of general circulation.

On 6/16/65, [redacted] (6)(6)(C)

[redacted] Norfolk, said BERNARD SCOTT LEE, a Norfolk native, has been attending Norfolk Division, Virginia State College, and chauffeuring a Mr. BARCO (phonetic), a cripple. This Mr. BARCO, according to [redacted] has some connection at the Norfolk Division of Va. State College--his wife possibly teaches or Mr. BARCO is a student at this institution.

3- Bureau (2- 100-442529)(1- 100-438794)(REGISTERED MAIL)
2- Richmond (100-10310)(Enc.- 3)(REGISTERED MAIL)
1- Atlanta (REGISTERED MAIL)
1- New York (REGISTERED MAIL)
2- Norfolk (1- 100-5921)
(1- 157-147)

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[redacted] indicated that Mr. BARCO and BERNARD S. LEE have been active in the civil rights movement in Norfolk in the past.

The Norfolk file contains no information linking BERNARD SCOTT LEE with subversive groups.

One copy is furnished Atlanta and New York in view of the fact both offices have investigative interest in captioned matters.

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
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AC, Birmingham 7/15/65

1 - Mr. Phillips

Director, FBI (100-438794)

COMINFIL
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) 7335
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

Re Atlanta airtel and LHM 7/9/65, copies to Birmingham, which reported that the SCLC Convention is scheduled to be held in Birmingham 8/9-13/65.

Birmingham should make plans to afford discreet coverage through established reliable sources of the Convention in order to develop any available information concerning possible communist influences which may be brought to bear upon the Convention. This would likely by through the presence of individuals with subversive backgrounds, and particularly in key positions in the Convention. Coordinate efforts with Atlanta, origin. Among other things, obtain program of Convention which will list officers in most up-to-date fashion.

Efforts in this regard must be most discreet and no action taken which could prove embarrassing to the Bureau.

2 - Atlanta (100-5718)

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